

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Spare Key is a nonprofit organization that provides mortgage payment assistance to families in

crisis with critically ill or seriously injured children, giving these families the gift of time while

their child is recovering or is terminally ill; and

WHEREAS: Spare Key helps families with hospitalized children in four states: Minnesota, Wisconsin, North

Dakota, and South Dakota; and

WHEREAS: Spare Key has provided \$5.3 million in housing grant assistance to approximately 3,500 families

since 1997; and

WHEREAS: Spare Key has aided more than 1,100 Minnesota families, totaling around \$1.7 million in housing

grants; and

WHEREAS: Any family with a critically ill or seriously injured child, under the age of 18, that has been

hospitalized 14 of the past 90 days is eligible to apply, no income guidelines required; and

WHEREAS: Spare Key is funded through the generosity of thousands of private donations from individuals,

corporations, foundations, and events; and

WHEREAS: Spare Key, which is celebrating its 20th Anniversary on Friday, September 15, 2017, is grateful for all

the support it has received; and

WHEREAS: Spare Key looks forward to another two decades of helping families "Bounce and Not Break."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 15, 2017, as:

## SPARE KEY DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this  $15^{\rm th}$  day of September.



